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This is a response to the Office action dated November 9, 1999. A three-month period for response was set, making an answer due on or before February 9, 2000. A request for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee are submitted herewith, now making an answer due on or before March 9, 2000. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

6. (Amended) A method of identifying a non-binding FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth, the method comprising:

screening a plurality of FK506 analogs for binding to FKBP-12[,];

selecting a FK506 analog that does not bind FKBP-12[,]; and

assaying the FK506 analog that does not bind FKBP-12 for activity in promoting nerve cell growth.

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